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.O. 12065: N/A  
AGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJECT: REQUESTED INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN PARAGUAY

EF: (A) 80 ASUNCION 4677, (B) ASUNCION 0181, (C) ASUNCION 0725,  
(D) ASUNCION 0879, (E) ASUNCION 1451, (F) ASUNCION 3083,  
(G) ASUNCION 3186, (H) STATE 219820

. IN ABSENCE OF TEXTS OF TESTIMONY BY PRIVATE WITNESSES WHOSE  
NUMBERS ARE REPORTEDLY AT "STRIKING VARIANCE" WITH OUR REPORT,  
MBASSY CAN ONLY GUESS AS TO REASON FOR DIFFERENCES IN FIGURES  
N POLITICAL PRISONERS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PRIVATE WITNESSES  
NCLUDE IN THEIR FIGURES PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN OR PRESENTLY ARE  
NDER DETENTION FOR ACTIVITIES THAT THIS EMBASSY DOES NOT  
ONSIDER POLITICAL. WE CONSISTENTLY HAVE INCLUDED IN OUR  
IGURES ONLY THOSE WE CONSIDER TO BE CLEARLY POLITICAL PRISONERS,  
ND HAVE DIFFERENTIATED THOSE FROM OTHER CASES OF ARBITRARY  
ETENTION OR WHERE CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LAW VIOLATIONS MAY BE  
NVOLVED. STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS  
OR PARAGUAY HAVE CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT IN EARLY 1977 THERE  
ERE APPROXIMATELY 600 POLITICAL PRISONERS. THIS NUMBER SHRANK  
O 200 BY THE END OF 1977, AND WITH FURTHER RELEASES DURING 1978,  
HE FIGURE STOOD AT FIVE BY THE END OF THAT YEAR. THIS FIGURE  
AS REMAINED RELATIVELY CONSTANT SINCE THAT DATE, WITH THE

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MBASSY REPORTING THREE POLITICAL PRISONERS AT END OF 1979,

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AND FOUR AS OF OCTOBER 1980. THUS, THE NUMBERS CITED IN MR. JOHNSON'S TESTIMONY APPEAR TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS EMBASSY'S FIGURES ON THE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PARAGUAY DURING THE PERIOD 1977-1981. IN ALL INSTANCES, SOURCES FOR EMBASSY REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS MAY INCLUDE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NGO'S (I.E., THE PARAGUAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE), AND GOP CONTACTS.

3. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINS TO THOSE PERSONS SPECIFICALLY NAMED IN REFTEL (H), PARA 2:

JUAN ADRES CARDOZO - HIS RELEASE ON APRIL 11, 1981 WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL (E);

ROLANDO CHAPARRO - HIS RELEASE ON FEBRUARY 23, 1981 WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL (D);

LUIS ALBERTO GUALCO - HIS RELEASE ON FEBRUARY 23, 1981 WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL (C);

ANTONIO MAIDANA CAMPOS - DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA IN 1980, AND THE GOP DENIES THAT HE IS DETAINED HERE  
REFTEL (F);

EMILIO ROA ESPINOSA - SHARES MAIDANA'S PREDICAMENT,  
S PER REFTEL (F);

EDUARDO ROLON - HIS RELEASE ON FEBRUARY 23, 1981 WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL (C);

HERNANDO SEVILLA - HAS BEEN IMPRISONED SINCE FEBRUARY 6,  
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1981, AND WAS VISITED RECENTLY BY A UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE WHO REPORTEDLY HAS SUBMITTED HIS NAME FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REFUGEE STATUS CORRECTION OF REFELS (F) AND (G).

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